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FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TESTING A SUBSTRATE
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above identified
continuation application, please amend it as follows:

✓ Substitute the attached one page abstract for the
abstract originally filed.

✓ Page 1, before line 1, insert the following paragraph:

A1 -- This application is a continuation of application
Serial No. 09/204,430, filed December 3, 1998, now abandoned. --

✓ Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1 as
follows:

A2 -- The invention relates to a method and to apparatus
for testing a substrate in which a particle beam is directed
onto the substrate and emitted secondary particles are detected
with a detector and then evaluated.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --

CERTIFICATION 37 C.F.R. 1.10

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